EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO THE

G8 GLENEAGLES (IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES) ORDER 2005

2005 No. 1456

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. **Description**

This instrument is intended to confer certain privileges & immunities upon the representatives of the sovereign Powers (other than the United Kingdom) at the G8 Gleneagles conference, to be held beginning 6th July 2005.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instrument

None

4. Legislative Background

This instrument is made under section 6 of the International Organisations Act 1968, which allows certain privileges and immunities to be conferred on representatives of sovereign Powers attending conferences held in the United Kingdom.

The Order is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

5. **Extent**

The Order applies to the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

Not applicable

7. **Policy Background**

This instrument is designed to confer certain privileges and immunities, for the duration of the conference only, on those members of the delegations of the represented sovereign Powers who have been notified to the Secretary of State and accepted by him as Ministers and other high officials. Such Ministers and high officials are to be afforded the like immunity from suit and legal process, including immunity from personal arrest or detention, and the like inviolability of all papers and documents as are accorded to the head of a diplomatic mission.

This instrument is without prejudice to any privilege or immunity to which they are otherwise entitled.

8. Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

9. **Contact**

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